

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 11-4.1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/11-4.1 new)

7 Sec. 11-4.1. Medical providers assisting with
8 applications for medical assistance. A provider enrolled to
9 provide medical assistance services may, upon the request of an
10 individual, accompany, represent, and assist the individual in
11 applying for medical assistance under Article V of this Code.
12 If an individual is unable to request such assistance due to
13 incapacity or mental incompetence and has no other
14 representative willing or able to assist in the application
15 process, a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or
16 the MR/DD Community Care Act or certified under this Code is
17 authorized to assist the individual in applying for long-term
18 care services. Subject to the provisions of the Free Healthcare
19 Benefits Application Assistance Act, nothing in this Section
20 shall be construed as prohibiting any individual or entity from
21 assisting another individual in applying for medical
22 assistance under Article V of this Code.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.